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Sen. Testin Applauds Removal of Gray Wolf from Endangered Species List

Testin Believes that State Management Can Restore a Balance that is Good for Farmers, Hunters, and Conservationists

Madison, WI – Earlier today, David Bernhardt, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, announced the removal of the gray wolf from the endangered species list. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will monitor the species for the next five years, but primary management responsibility will now rest in the hands of state and tribal entities.

Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) joined other civic leaders from across Wisconsin in voicing his support for the move, saying that it signals a victory for farmers, hunters, and conservationists.

“The gray wolf’s resurgence is a true Wisconsin comeback story, but balance is always key when it comes to wildlife management,” said Senator Testin. “State oversight of the gray wolf population will aid both farmers and hunters, as threats to livestock and our deer herd can now be reduced.”

When efforts to rehabilitate the wolf population in Wisconsin began, conservationists had a goal of one day having 350 wolves in the state. Currently, around 900 gray wolves call Wisconsin home.

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